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News

History was made here: Hale-Byrnes House

Gen. George Washington and the high command of the Continental Army held a war council here on Sept. 6, 1777.

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Hale-Byrnes House

Historical holiday happenings

Division to sponsor nine special events, including four winter-holiday-themed activities, between Nov. 28, 2019 and Jan. 1, 2020.

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Buena Vista Holiday Open House cancelled

Dec. 7, 2019 event cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

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Division seeks applicants for historic-site supervisor and two historic-site interpreters

Positions available at the division's downtown Dover museums, Buena Vista and the New Castle Court House Museum.

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Division bids farewell to historic-site interpreter Latecia Prophet

Employee had a nearly ten-year career at The Old State House.

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Help Save Delaware History

Delaware Valley Archaeology and History Symposium at the Arsenal in New Castle on Dec. 7, 2019

Event will include scholarly presentations on the history and archaeology of the lower Delaware Valley including the Avery's Rest and Fort Casimir archaeological sites.

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Coalition Formed to Save Nassau School in Lewes

WBOC TV, Salisbury, Md.—Nov. 25, 2019

Site was one of 80 schools built by Pierre S. du Pont for African American children prior to desegregation.

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Preserving World War II-era history

Sussex Countian, Georgetown, Del.—Oct. 30, 2019

Delaware Seashore State Park lookout tower being restored.

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Popular New Castle County ice cream stand earns historic recognition

Delaware Public Media, Dover—Oct. 25, 2019

Dairy Palace added to the National Register of Historic Places

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“Partners in Preservation: Planning for the Future—Delaware’s Historic Preservation Plan, 2018–2022”

Document outlines six broad goals for preserving Delaware’s heritage for the future.

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Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related articles have recently appeared in the media:

[The programs and services of the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs](#)

Daybreak, WWSX-FM 99.1, Rehoboth Beach, Del.—Nov. 8, 2019

Radio interview with division director Tim Slavin. Segment labeled “DayBreak_11-08-19.” Scroll to minute 29:12.

[4th graders’ Delaware Day projects on display Nov. 13 at Legislative Hall](#)

Dover Post, Del.—Nov. 7, 2019

Displays illustrate the U.S. Constitution and Delaware's role in its writing and ratification.

[‘Harriet’ renews focus on Delaware Tubman byway spots](#)

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—Nov. 7, 2019

Article notes programs on the Underground Railroad at Dover’s Old State House.

[GALLERY: 18th Century Market Fair](#)

Dover Post, Del.—Nov. 2, 2019

Program explored the goods, wares and political attitudes of 1700s Dover.

Events

Thursday, Nov. 28

[Thanksgiving Day](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware closed

Friday, Nov. 29

[Day After Thanksgiving](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware open

Wednesday, Dec. 4

[Hale-Byrnes Open House](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Thursday, Dec. 5

[Hospitality Night](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Saturday, Dec. 7

[The First State](#) – The Old State House

[Holidays With Victor](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[Delaware Valley Archaeology and History Symposium](#) – New Castle Arsenal

[Delaware Day Awards Ceremony](#) – Delaware Public Archives

[Tour Zwaanendael Museum](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Hale-Byrnes Holiday Open House](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

[George Read and the Delaware Conspiracy](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Friday, Dec. 13

[Concert by the Grey Fox Band](#) – The Old State House

Saturday, Dec. 14

[Wreaths Across America](#) – Pencader Heritage Museum

[Spirit of Christmas in New Castle](#) – Downtown New Castle

[Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Tuesday, Dec. 24

[Christmas Eve](#) – The John Dickinson Plantation, New Castle Court House Museum and Old State House open. The Johnson Victrola Museum and Zwaanendael Museum closed

Wednesday, Dec. 25

[Christmas Day](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware closed

Tuesday, Dec. 31

[New Year's Eve](#) – The John Dickinson Plantation, New Castle Court House Museum and Old State House open. The Johnson Victrola Museum and Zwaanendael Museum closed

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020

[New Year's Day](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware closed

For a comprehensive, long-term calendar of division-sponsored events, [go here](#).

Exhibits and Displays

Through Dec. 12, 2019

[Delaware Day Competition Display](#) – Legislative Hall

Ongoing

[Delaware Railroads: Elegant Travel and Timely Transport](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Five Stories](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania](#) – Online

[New Castle: Three Forts, One Community](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016](#) – The Old State House

[The Path to Freedom: A History of the Underground Railroad in Delaware](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[Sculpture by Charles Parks](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Simple Machines](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[When Janie Comes Marching Home: Women's Fight to Serve](#) – Legislative Hall



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Historical and Cultural Affairs is designed to stimulate public interest in the division's museums, programs and services, and to increase awareness of the value that history and historic preservation bring to the lives of Delaware's citizens and visitors. The newsletter is distributed during the last week of each month, via e-mail, to division staff members, Delaware's historical- and preservation-related communities and friends. Please submit relevant articles, news items and suggestions to Jim Yurasek, newsletter editor, at jim.yurasek@delaware.gov.

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